



## Overview of Presentation

- Demographic Information on the homeless population
- Importance of having a home to one's recovery
- Overview of MHSAs housing programs and outcomes to date
  - Housing Trust Fund
  - MHSAs Housing Program
- Recommendations from the MHSAs Housing Advisory Board for Three Year Plan

According to Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's 2013 Homeless Count, approximately 58,423 individuals are homeless on any given night in Los Angeles County of which about a third have a mental illness.



## SAMHSA's Definition of Recovery

- A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.
- Four major dimensions that support a life in Recovery:
  - Health
  - Home - A stable and safe place to live
  - Purpose
  - Community

## Why Permanent Supportive Housing?

- SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practice
  - **Core value:** People with mental health problems have the right to live in the most integrated setting possible with accessible, individualized supports
- Permanent housing is a critical component of the desired MHSA outcomes
- Adult/TAY age groups, some SAACs, UREP and Children's Commission have all prioritized the need for more housing in the 3 year planning process

## What is the MHSA Housing Trust Fund (HTF)?

- Originated from stakeholder input and included in the original MHSA Community Services and Supports plan submitted
- One-time funding of \$10.5 million used to provide supportive services in supportive housing projects
- Purpose is to support the development of new permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness by funding supportive services
- Targeted individuals and their families who met the criteria for MHSA Community Services and Supports and who are homeless and have a serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance

## Solicitation Process

- Request for Proposals was released in 2008
- Contracts were entered into 2009
- Second solicitation conducted in August 2009 because not all of the funds were allocated
- Maximum amount awarded per contract was \$750,000 which could be used over 3-5 years
- Five-year contracts with 7 one-year renewals
- Many contracts do not have enough funding to continue services through FY 2014-15

## Housing Trust Fund DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUP

Age Group	Number of Projects by Age Group	Number of Units
TAY	1	10
Adults (18 and above)	10	311
Families	3	82
Older Adults	1	45
All Populations	1	35
Total	16	483

## What is the MHSA Housing Program?

- Provides funding for permanent, supportive, affordable housing for individuals living with serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance who are homeless, and their families.
- Statewide program that includes a partnership with California Housing Finance Agency who administers the funds
- Los Angeles County's initial investment was \$115.6 million out of a total of \$400 million statewide.
- Allowable uses include capital expenses such as acquisition, predevelopment, construction and/or rehabilitation, as well as operating subsidies.
- DMH provides mental health services to tenants living in MHSA funded units.

## Program Milestones

- 36 Projects Countywide in all Service Areas
- Projects targeting adults, TAY, older adults and families all age groups
- 849 MHSA Units and 1,714 Total Units
- 23 Projects are Occupied
- Leveraged over \$400 million of local, State and Federal Funding
- Additional \$2 million invested in FY 2012-13 in addition to the TAY Project Based Subsidies
- \$110.7 million obligated of \$119.9 million

### MHSA Housing Program PROJECT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUP

Age Group	Number of Projects by Age Group	Number of Units
TAY	8	91
Adults (18 and above)	15	442
Families	3	59
Older Adults	6	141
All Populations	4	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>849</b>

- ### MHSA Housing Advisory Board Recommendations to SLT
- MHSA Housing Advisory Board originated in 2007
  - Stakeholder body that includes consumers, homeless advocates, family members, other funders of PSH, Board offices
  - Members are appointed by Dr. Southard

## Need for Continued Housing

- **MHSA Housing Trust Fund Program**
  - Continued investment in successful programs
  - Importance of site-based supportive services
  - Expansion of MHSA Housing portfolio, including TAY programs that are service-intensive
  - Scarcity of long-term service commitments
  - Keeps staff/resident ratios low (1:15 or less), in line with industry standards

## Need for Continued Housing

- **MHSA Housing Program**
  - Fostered a vital pipeline for PSH development
  - Impressive leveraging results
  - Reductions in key sources available for PSH
    - Capital
    - Operating
  - Overwhelming demand
    - Expression of Interest re-opened on January 13, 2014 -- \$38 million of requests for capital and operating expenses for an additional 487 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Additional funding allows us to further key priorities (populations, geographies)

## MHSA Housing Program Recommendations for Three Year Plan

Invest in the continuation of the MHSA Housing Program for the creation of more permanent supportive housing units for individuals with a mental illness, and their families, across the four age groups.

- **Alternative 1:** An annual allocation of \$5 million per year to develop approximately 42 new units of new permanent supportive housing annually which will create a minimum of 126 new units over three years
- **Alternative 2:** A one-time allocation of \$10 million in Year 1 to develop a minimum of 83 new units of new permanent supportive housing and additional funding in Years Two and Three if available.

## MHSA Housing Trust Fund Program Recommendations for Three Year Plan

### Recommendations for Three Year Plan

Invest in the continuation of the MHSA Housing Trust Fund Program for those projects that met the program's performance criteria and allow the Department to expand the program to include additional projects prioritizing those projects funded through the MHSA Housing Program

- In Year 1 make a one-time investment for the continuation of the MHSA Housing Trust Fund Program for those contractors whose funding will end during FY 2014 – 15 in the amount of \$312,085.
- **Alternative 1:** In Years 2, 3 and on-going include an annual allocation of \$5.4 million for the provision of onsite supportive services in permanent supportive housing. This allocation will fund approximately 36 projects providing \$150,000 per project annually.
- **Alternative 2:** In Year 1 make a one-time allocation of \$20 million for the provision of onsite supportive services in permanent supportive housing which through a solicitation will be allocated by year 2. This allocation will fund approximately 27 projects providing \$150,000 per project per year over a 5-year period.